

Presidents Report to the Board of Trustees - First Unitarian Society of New Jersey

March 14th, 2021

It's hard to believe that we are looking at the end of this church year already!

I feel like I have been in constant "crisis mode" for most of this calendar year, and I suspect that, like myself, when you look back at this year you get the sense that it was all a blur.

Nonetheless - It's time to start moving out of crisis-mode, and look forward to the future of our congregation.

I suspect that I am not the only one who continues to be a little overwhelmed, so I suggest that as we look forward, we keep an eye on our Board covenant and also on what is possible.

This means:

- Continuing to find ways to maintain our sense of community and caring for one another through this crisis.
- Focusing on "Speaking with one voice," as we guide the congregation.
- Choosing carefully how to use our limited resources - both human and economic, to develop our plans.
- Enlisting members of the congregation who are invested in our future to help move forward.
- Reaching out to those who have drifted away in this past year, and inviting them back.

I've continued to be involved in the following committees/groups:

- Participating in the **CER (Central East Region) Leadership** email group.
- **Worship Committee** - Participated in worship planning committee and attended worship services. Maintained weekly service Announcements.
- **Small-group Ministry** meetings - Conducted Monday night meetings twice this month. (Second and Fourth Mon)
- **8th Principle Working Group**
 - Attended monthly meetings for this group.
 - Planned and co-lead 8th Principle worship service.

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- **Atheist Agnostic Humanist Group** - Continue to coordinate online meetings and have begun attending virtual “Sunday Brunch” meetings of the New York Center for Inquiry (CFI).
- Maintained ongoing communication with Rev. Ann Marie on Board/Church matters.

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Moving forward, I expect to:

- Continue to attend groups and committees as above.
- Work to identify future board members and also define other stewardships in the congregation.
- Work with Board members to form small task groups to manage
 - Membership - Outreach and Welcome
 - Social Media
- Work to plan a congregational meeting to vote on our 8th Principle Resolution.

Thank you, as always for your service and dedication to our congregation!

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